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***FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS FATHER-SON TEAM
ON FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES CHARGES***

SAVANNAH: Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, today announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah has returned an eighteen count indictment against **BRODERICK JOHN DASS, 48**, and his son, **BRANDON DASS, 19**, charging them with multiple violations of federal firearms and explosives statutes, false statements to law enforcement, and illegally entering military property.

The Indictment stems from five separate but related events: the arrest of the Dass's on Ft. Stewart on July 17, 2004; the subsequent re-arrest of the Dass's on July 21, 2004, on a federal criminal complaint alleging multiple federal firearms violations in connection with their arrest on July 17; the explosion which occurred in a Savannah garbage dumpster in the early morning hours of July 22, 2004; the subsequent search of the Dass's home which lead to the recovery of a large cache of weapons; and, the discovery of an AT-4 anti-tank warhead under the home after police responded to the report of a burglary on August 9, 2004.

The charges are as follows:

Counts 1-2: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) - Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon - Broderick Dass

Counts 3-4: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(2) - Possession of Firearms by a Fugitive from Justice - Broderick Dass

Count 5: 18 U.S.C. § 922(k) - Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number - both defendants

Counts 6-7: 18 U.S.C. § 922(o)(1) - Possession of Machineguns - both defendants

Count 8: 18 U.S.C. § 922(w) - Possession of an Illegal High Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device - both defendants

Counts 9-10: 18 U.S.C. § 922(v)(1) - Possession of Semiautomatic Assault Weapons - both defendants

Counts 11-12: 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d) - Possession of Unregistered Firearms - both defendants

Count 13: 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d) - Possession of Unregistered Destructive Devices - both defendants

Count 14: 18 U.S.C. § 842(h) - Possession of Stolen Explosives - both defendants

Count 15: 18 U.S.C. § 842(i)(1) - Possession of Explosives by a Convicted Felon - Broderick Dass

Counts 16-17: 18 U.S.C. § 1001 - False Statements - both defendants

Count 18 : 18 U.S.C. § 1382 - Entering Military Property - both defendants

The maximum penalties faced by the defendants range from 5 years to 10 years of imprisonment per count, with fines of up to \$250,000 per count. Each count also carries a term of supervised release and a special assessment.

The investigation was conducted by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Police, explosive ordinance specialists from Ft. Stewart, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division, and the Savannah Fire Department.

Ms. Wood stressed that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The lead prosecutor representing the United States is Assistant U.S. Attorney Darrin L. McCullough in Savannah.

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